Rural electrification in Rajasthan

†659. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Rajasthan has sent schemes for approval under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana for providing electricity to the domestic consumer of rural areas;

(b) if so, the number of schemes sent by the State Government to the Central Government for approval;

(c) the number of schemes sanctioned and the reasons for not sanctioning the remaining schemes; and

(d) by when the remaining schemes will be sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Rajasthan Government has submitted 41 Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for 32 districts under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) for electrification of un-electrified villages and for intensive electrification of already electrified villages.

(c) and (d) Sanction has been accorded to DPRs for 26 districts of Rajasthan. The sanctioning of balance projects is dependent on the approval of the Government for continuation of the scheme and enhancement of funds in the XI-Plan.

Tapping of power potential

660. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the power sector in the country has been tapped currently; and

(b) the estimated potential of the power sector in the country at present along with the details of plans aimed at exploitation of power sector?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) The installed capacity in the country as on 31st January 2007 was 128182.5

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